

WIRELESS TOWER IS SHIPPED AWAY; ONE FOR EL PASO

AGENT HERE CLOSES HIS OFFICE

Returns Money to Subscribers For Stock, He Says, and Explains Transaction.

EL PASOANS ARE CALLED "WINDIES"

The Promoters Write Their Agent That Nobody Could Sell El Pasoans Anything.

The wireless telephone company that was going to put a tower on the Trust building and let El Paso talk practically all over the continent without wires, is not going to do anything of the kind—not now. The promoters say so; they have shipped the tower to Fort Worth and they say El Pasoans are a bunch of windies.

The tower that was shipped to El Paso for use, was sent to Fort Worth some time ago, but the fact did not come out until today when F. W. DeCroix, local agent for the company, announced that he had closed his office and sent back all subscriptions received for stock. He said he quit because the promoters would not put the tower and show good faith; the promoters write that they did not put the tower because DeCroix did not sell enough stock and add further that they do not believe anybody could sell anything to El Paso.

DeCroix Explains. "I went before the Merchants' Protective association on last night," said DeCroix Friday, "and told them the exact status of things. I am going before the chamber of commerce and make an explanation. All bills that I have contracted, I am going to pay out of my own pocket. All the stock for which people subscribed since I took charge of the office, has been canceled, and I have returned their remittances at my own expense. I held the money and checks in my office until I could be satisfied as to whether the company intended to do business as it had promised. When the tower was sent away, I began to make preparations, to close the office and return the subscriptions, as I did not want anybody to lose anything through me. I also returned all notes to subscribers who had taken stock from my predecessors. I have been in charge for three months and have tried to treat the public squarely and intend to remain in El Paso."

The Promoters' Side. The promoters of the wireless station for El Paso declare that they would have put in a plant here if the people of El Paso had evidenced enough interest in the concern to subscribe for a sufficient amount of stock. "We are going to put up the towers where the people have put in their money," they write.

DeCroix has all the correspondence that has passed between the promoters and himself; also his predecessors. Two of the letters to him show that the company has "dispensed with his services" on the grounds that he has not sold enough stock; one of the letters tells him that the promoters do not believe anybody could sell stock to El Paso "windies." He says he is interested in the office before his services were dispensed with. He says he never got a cent for his three months' services, as he was to have been paid in commissions and he refused to remit any money received from the sale of stock until he was satisfied that the plant would be put in, hence there was no commission coming to him.

Some Raps at El Paso. One letter dated San Antonio, August 26, withdraws Mr. DeCroix's appointment as El Paso agent and closes as follows: "The situation at El Paso has been one of great annoyance to me, and I have made up my mind to cut it out for the present." This is signed by T. R. Dickinson, manager of Texas fiscal services, underwriters of wireless securities, San Antonio, Tex.

"I believe you can do business there (El Paso). However, Mr. Dickinson says you can't, and he says that is not all—nobody else can sell anything to those people in El Paso. He says they all talk big and make big statements."

TEDDY ROOSEVELT FORMER PRESIDENT READY FOR FIGHT HAS "COME BACK"

Cincinnati, O., Sept. 9.—An elaborate program of entertainment has been arranged covering the visit of Col. Roosevelt to this city, beginning at 8 o'clock this morning.

To Be Heroine Of a New Play

Oklahoma City, Okla., Sept. 6.—Miss Jane Haskell, daughter of governor Charles Haskell, of Oklahoma, is to be the heroine of a political play, which the governor is said to have written.



Not only is she the heroine, but according to report she is to star in the play later at the head of her own company. Miss Haskell is now in Cincinnati studying dramatic art, and to prepare herself for the stellar role in her father's play. She is said to have given evidence of much more than usual histrionic talent. The plot of the play is being kept secret, but it is understood to deal with the political game in Oklahoma.

ments, but they are a bunch of windies.

This letter is signed by Charles House Beauchamp, trustee.

"Collins Company Don't Exist." A telegram in the files of the office, addressed to Weir and Buncher, the first men who opened the office here, whom DeCroix succeeded, dated Houston, June 23, says:

"Going home tonight. Closed for all coast stations. Don't conduct business in name Texas Fiscal Agency. Use firm name, send checks, drafts, money orders my office, name by agency. Ignore Hancock and his advertising. Collins company don't exist legally. Play ball per terms of contract. Why no business to date?" Answer.

"J. R. Dickinson."

The Tower Promised. A telegram dated at San Antonio on June 19, addressed also to Weir and Bunch, says:

"Shipment of tower and equipment made work begins in 10 days. Take no applications at \$4 combination-price after Wednesday night next; price \$5 combination or three each per share. Ten stations in Texas soon completed. Orders for stock coming in rapidly."

"Texas Fiscal Agency."

The Collins Company. Incidentally a letter received by The Herald is of interest. It says:

"I note in the issue of The El Paso Herald of August 4 that a test of the Collins wireless telephone was made in front of the Trust building and that a tower is to be installed on top of the Trust building, etc."

"I am the inventor of the only genuine Collins wireless telephone and I should be glad to know if an attempt is being made to sell stock in your community based on such alleged demonstration."

"A reply addressed to the office of the Collins Publishing company will be appreciated. Yours truly, A. Frederick Collins."

LEE O'NEIL BROWN GETS AN ACQUITTAL

Chicago, Ill., Sept. 9.—The jury in the case of Lee O'Neil Brown, minority leader of the Illinois house of representatives, who is charged with bribery in connection with William Lorimer's election to the United States senate, brought in a verdict of not guilty, this afternoon.

APPEALS FROM SENTENCE ON ASSAULT CHARGE

Guthrie, Okla., Sept. 9.—Convicted of participation with three others in the robbery of 50 Pullman laborers near Stroud, Okla., in January, 1908, J. W. Lilly appealed to the criminal court of appeals today here, alleging that his five year sentence should be reversed, and asking either a dismissal or the granting of a new trial. The robbery came near causing international complications.

Mrs. Longworth met her father when he reached Rockwood. Only one speech was made by the colonel between Chicago and Cincinnati. At Hamilton a large assemblage was waiting and cheered the colonel loudly as he was introduced. The former president told them he had "come back."

"I have come back to join you in helping to forward any wise and proper movement for our betterment," he said.

"While we need good laws and need still more honesty in the administration of the laws, the essential thing is to have good individual citizenship."

OFFICIALS WHO ARE CROOKED DENOUNCED

Col. Roosevelt Tells How He Turned Them Out and Urges Public Awakening.

CONSCIENCE IS NOT ACTIVE

Chicago, Ill., Sept. 9.—Although the Hamilton club committee had been asked not to arrange a reception at the station and stress had been laid upon the fact that the reception was to be held later, a crowd numbering several thousand flocked around the train, and cheered lustily when former president Roosevelt arrived here Thursday afternoon.

Col. Roosevelt's objection to the presence of the Illinois senator, William Lorimer, at the Hamilton club banquet, had caused a tremendous interest and scores hurried to the railroad station after reading the announcement in newspaper extras.

The station is in the center of a thickly populated district. Most of the employees of the district were released from work just as the train reached here, and all struggled for a sight of the former president.

These men called loudly for a speech, but Mr. Roosevelt hurried to a waiting automobile. Here he stopped long enough to tell the crowd how glad he was to return to this city and what a great time he had been having on the trip. Then the automobile, preceded by a police automobile, hurried to a hotel.

Col. Roosevelt admitted Thursday afternoon that there is a possibility of his returning to public life. In this connection he issued a warning to corrupt corporations that any aid they might extend him in obtaining any official place would be at their own peril. The statement was in his address in connection with the fair of various national organizations of railway employees, which he took up of the home, and a decrepit railroad man of America at Highland, Ill.

"I don't suppose I ever shall be in public life again," he said, "but if I am, there is always the chance that some time it may come up when I shall make my words good."

"No corporation, no politician must ever support me for anything under the idea that I will pardon that corporation or that politician if he or it is corrupt."

"If either corporation or politician helps at any time to put me in a position of influence, let them remember that if they encourage corruption in others, they encourage it in themselves, they help me to their peril, for I will hurt them if I get the chance."

Col. Roosevelt also read an open letter by William R. Hearst in which Mr. Hearst advised the colonel to return to New York and take up the fight on the Republican organization there, saying that if he did so, Mr. Hearst would be in sympathy with him.

The colonel said: "I am going back to my state as mentioned by Mr. Hearst to fight the bosses. I will welcome the support of any man who wishes to aid in that fight."

Chicago Arrival.

Col. Theodore Roosevelt arrived in Chicago from Freeport, at 5:20 o'clock. Escorted by details of motorcycle and mounted police, he was driven in an automobile to the Congress hotel, where another great throng awaited him.

At the hotel he was the guest of honor at an elaborate banquet given by the members of the Hamilton club at 6 o'clock.

He was greeted by an assemblage of thirty diners, among whom were several United States senators, governors of states and other notables. Hundreds of people who had been unable to obtain seats at the banquet thronged the corridors of the hotel and the balcony of the Gold room, in which Col. Roosevelt spoke, waiting for a chance to hear or see the former president.

Governor Chas. S. Deneen delivered an eulogistic address in welcoming Col. Roosevelt to Illinois and Chicago. John H. Batten, president of the Hamilton club, introduced the club's chief guest to the expectant diners.

Congressman Nicholas Longworth, Col. Roosevelt's son-in-law, was present. "Hello Nic," said the colonel, as he greeted his son-in-law.

In the Shadow Of the Federal Prison

Charles R. Helke, who resigned as the secretary of the American Sugar Refining company last month, and who



was recently brought into the federal building, New York, to be sentenced, following his conviction to defraud the government by means of underweighting sugar in Williamsburg. Sentence was deferred, owing to the enforced absence of Henry L. Stinson, special prosecutor of the government, who conducted the case against Helke. The conviction of Helke and Gerbrant, the superintendent of the refinery company, marked an epoch in criminal convictions of the kind.

(Sentence will be pronounced September 10.)

LEPER AT LARGE ON A RAILROAD

Escapes From Detention and Is Making His Way Somewhere by Train.

Salt Lake, Utah, Sept. 9.—John Kokas, a Greek in an advanced stage of leprosy, who has been under quarantine here the last three months, disappeared from the tent in which he has been segregated, and it is learned that he took a train Wednesday evening, intending to go to New York, thence to Greece.

Funds were provided by countrymen here. They would not divulge the route taken by Kokas, who is a middle aged man, with his forehead, cheek and chin marked with the stigmata of leprosy and his left hand almost ready to drop off.

Medical men say, however, that the possibility of infection from ordinary association on the train is very slight.

NO SESSION OF BALLINGER AND PINCHOT COURT

Minneapolis, Minn., Sept. 9.—Only six members of the Ballinger-Pinchot investigating committee, one less than a quorum, were present when the session opened today.

Senator Sutherland, of Utah, and two other Republicans, representatives McCord of Massachusetts, and Denby, of Michigan, refused to attend.

The failure of these members to attend the sessions was decided on last night, following the arrival of Mr. Denby, who denounced the action of the five members, who on Wednesday adopted a resolution of representative Madison, insurgent Republican, which charged that secretary Ballinger was unfit and should be removed, as the "most extraordinary, indefensible and unjustified that partisan politics could devise."

This morning the Democratic members affixed their signatures to their finding, which condemns Mr. Ballinger and vindicates Gifford Pinchot.

Mr. Madison brought to the committee room an independent report which favors Mr. Pinchot.

Presumably the reason for the failure of the Republicans to maintain a quorum was the possibility of the Democrats being in control and force a ratification of their action of Wednesday in adopting a resolution declaring for the removal of secretary Ballinger.

CHOLERA RAVAGES FRIGHTEN COUNTRY

Washington, D. C., Sept. 9.—Ravages of Asiatic cholera in Russia, Germany and Italy and the possibility of the plague being brought to this country by infected immigrants have alarmed the public health and marine hospital service. Surgeon general Wyman has detailed surgeon H. R. Carter to visit the plague centers and report by cable.

EIGHTEEN MEN MEET DEATH; BOAT SINKS

Endington, Mich., Sept. 9.—One of the worst disasters in the history of Lake Michigan navigation, occurred early this today when car ferry No. 18, operated by the Pere Marquette Railroad company, sank to the bottom of Lake Michigan, 20 miles off Port Washington, with a loss of 20 lives.

The boat was valued at \$400,000 and its cargo, which included 20 loaded freight cars, at \$150,000.

Marine men are utterly at a loss to account for the disaster. No. 18 was one of the finest and most costly ferries ever built for the great lakes, and only yesterday the craft was inspected by government officials and found to be in first class condition.

There were 38 members of the crew and all had a close call for life when the ferry sank.

According to a statement issued from Pere Marquette headquarters all members of the crew were saved by sister ship No. 17, which responded to wireless calls for assistance, but it develops that only 19 were saved.

The ferry was bound from Lundington to Milwaukee with a full cargo consisting of 11 cars of coal and 21 cars of miscellaneous freight. Nothing yet is known of the cause of the sinking.

REWARD OFFERED FOR H. H. PHILLIPS

Former El Pasoan Supposed to Be Drowned, Sought By Bondsmen.

Baltimore, Md., Sept. 9.—Bondsmen of Hicks H. Phillips, wanted here on a charge of shooting, Floyd Tandy, who was out on \$3000 bond to appear at this term of court in Baltimore, whose grip and a note was found on the body of a man named Phillips last Tuesday, announcing his determination to end all by drowning, have issued a \$500 reward for information leading to his arrest.

The reference is given as the Midway Bank and Trust company, of Baltimore, and the notice is signed by Samuel Williams, a thoroughly reputable citizen.

Hicks is 32 years old, six feet, two inches tall, has a red complexion, weighs 180 pounds, wears No. 10 shoes, and has dark hair.

Hicks's parents live at Monument, N. M.

He recently worked on a street car in El Paso.

ONLY THREE DEAD ON BATTLESHIP

Did Not Meet Death in Explosion, But Drowned in Engine Room.

Fort Monroe, Va., Sept. 9.—Another of those tragedies that go to show that the sailor offers his life to his country in time of peace as well as in time of war, was enacted yesterday on the dreadnaught North Dakota.

About 12 miles from Old Point Comfort in lower Chesapeake Bay an explosion of fuel oil and the ensuing fire brought death to three men and more or less serious injury to nine others, including Lieut. Orin G. Murphy. The accident happened far from shore and for several hours the wildest rumors circulated.

According to men landing from the battleships today the three men who met death yesterday were not killed by the explosion as first reported, but were drowned when fire from number 2 was flooded to prevent the spread of the flames and the explosion of a magazine located just over the fire. The bodies were recovered when the compartment was pumped out.

LEGISLATURE IS READY TO ADJOURN

Governor Addresses Lawmakers and Takes Fling at Newspapers.

Austin, Texas, Sept. 9.—The report of the free conference committee in the bill of lodging measure was adopted by the house this morning, 93 to 2. It received two-thirds vote in each house. It will be effective as soon as signed by the governor.

Adams and Ray introduced a concurrent resolution to adjourn tomorrow at noon but as no second reading was asked, it is believed the determination is to adjourn today.

The house and senate recessed until 2 o'clock this afternoon when they will hear governor Campbell deliver an address in the house. Administration leaders declare that adjournment before tonight is practically certain.

In his address, Campbell will review the work of his administration and congratulate the lawmakers on the passing of measures recommended. He will discuss the state's financial condition. He is expected to take a fling at "subsidized newspapers."

It is likely that the governor's speech will be late this afternoon and probably will be followed by immediate adjournment. If the adjournment comes today the insurance act becomes effective December 8.

FAITH IN THE SHAMROCK FIELD

Man Who Is Sinking Well Says Ten Days More Will Tell the Whole Story.

THINKS THERE IS OIL IN IT

Traces Are Unmistakable, But Extent of the Deposit Is Not Yet Known.

(By N. M. Walker, Herald Staff Reporter.)

Ten days more will decide the fate or future of the Shamrock (Camp City), N. M. oil field. J. A. Brent, the man who is sinking the well at Shamrock, is authority for this statement and he is backing his judgment with years of actual experience in the California oil fields.

"I have got oil there," he said. "I am not a bit afraid to say that. I have no doubt that we have a well there, and that El Paso will hear from us in two or three days. But within 10 days, at the latest, the future of this field will be definitely known. I think so, the drillers think so, and the indications thus far are very favorable for a showing of oil."

This statement was made Thursday night, 10 hours after the Brent well, the second one to be driven in the Shamrock field, had spouted water coated with a film of oil 30 feet in the air, caused, Mr. Brent says, by the opening of a gas pocket near the 1200 foot level. The geyser broke loose while the drillers were adding a 40 foot length to the drill stem which was being used to reach out a broken place in the outer casing at about the 800 foot level.

The "blowout" Thursday. At exactly 9:19 a. m. Thursday, the No. 2 well at Shamrock began making history. Things started getting busy months ago, and one oil rush had already been made to the field from El Paso on April 22, when strong indications of oil were found in the first well, which was later abandoned because of a broken drill. Thursday morning the drillers were surprised when a geyser of steam, shot out of the casing, the well to a height of 30 feet in the air, drenching the men. The time was recorded on their watches, which stopped when the men received their baptism of oily water from the well.

For five minutes the water gushed from the mouth of the casing and it was with difficulty that the drillers capped the well and prevented a further flow of the well. The water was thick, slimy fluid, heavily coated with black petroleum, and the sluiceway was filled with the muddy water bearing a coating of oil. By holding a board in the water the foreman said that it was possible to get a spoonful of almost pure petroleum as the water from the spouting column fell upon it.

Well Is Down 1240 Feet.

The well is now 1240 feet deep, within 15 feet of the depth of the No. 1 well when work was stopped on it. Globules of oil which would come to the top of the well and burst, leaving an oil stain on the water, had been noticed in the last 300 feet of the drilling. When it was necessary to add a section of drill stem in order to go deeper in the well, a pressure was noticed which sometimes forced the water two or three feet above the top of the well.

Last week, in rotating a section of the casing in order to lower it to the bottom of the well, it was broken and the well jammed. This frequently occurs in the drilling operations and it was necessary to ream it out before the pipe could be sunk deeper. It was while this reaming process was going on that the gusher of water was opened. The pressure against the conical drill cap at the top of the casing had been noticed for some time. When this cap was removed in order to add another 40 feet section of stem, the water shot into the air, carrying with it the slime and mud from the well and also the precious petroleum for which the men have been fighting in the desert sun since June.

The gusher is thought by J. A. Brent to have been caused by a pocket of gas which was penetrated by the drill. The smell of gas was strong at the well when the sheet of water fell from the pinnacle of the geyser and this sharp penetrating odor had been noticed at age.

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Lanier of the Cavalry A New Herald Story

(By Gen. Chas. King, U. S. A.)

A romance of army life in the Indian country in Indian fighting days. Lanier, the self sacrificing hero who typifies Uncle Sam's military officers. Miriam, the sweet girl whose love he wins; Doris, the capricious little beauty who sets a whole military campaign in a turmoil; Rawdon, young, misjudged, but honest, who was the rival of the evil officer Rafferty, a soldier of whom the service was well rid—these are only some of the characters that Gen. King has drawn in the thrilling settings in the far west of bygone days when the Apaches and the Sioux waged war on the "pale faces" in their last stand to save their hunting grounds. In this realistic narrative the humor complements the romance, the drama and the intrigue and tragedy thrill and grip the reader.

This thriller will be printed in The Herald as soon as the present serial, "The Silver Horde," is concluded.